

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2011**

Prepared January 10, 2010

**ITEM NUMBER:** 7

**SUBJECT:** Low Threat and General Discharge Cases

**DISCUSSION** The following items serve as notification that the subject sites have been enrolled under the noted General WDR or General Waiver of WDRS.

**Low Threat NPDES Permit, Order No. R3-2006-0063**

Soquel Water District, Santa Cruz County [Mike Higgins 805/542-4649]

On September 22, 2010, Soquel Creek Water District (District) submitted a Notice of Intent and fee for enrollment under NPDES General Permit for Discharges with Low Threat to Water Quality, Order No. R3-2006-0063 (General Permit). The District plans redevelopment, pump testing, and disinfection activities at the T. Hopkins Well and the Aptos Creek Well. The District plans to discharge the wastewaters to a nearby storm drain, which discharges to an energy dissipation structure at Aptos Creek.

The Discharger will ensure the discharge does not cause excessive erosion, which could threaten to impair the nearby creek's aquatic habitat beneficial use. The Executive Officer approved the District's enrollment on December 1, 2010.

California Water Service Company, Salinas Well 47, Monterey County [Mike Higgins 805/542-4649]

On September 22, 2010, California Water Service Company (Cal Water) submitted a Notice of Intent and fee for enrollment under NPDES General Permit for Discharges with Low Threat to Water Quality, Order No. R3-2006-0063 (General Permit). Cal Water plans redevelopment, pump testing, and disinfection activities at the Salinas Well 47. Cal Water plans to discharge the wastewaters to a nearby storm drain.

The Discharger will ensure the discharge does not cause excessive erosion, which could threaten to impair the nearby creek's aquatic habitat beneficial use. The Executive Officer approved Cal Water's enrollment on January 6, 2011.

**General Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Reuse of Non-Hazardous Crude Oil Impacted Soil, Order No. R3-2010-0037**

ERG Operating Company, LLC, Cat Canyon Oilfield, Santa Barbara County [Rich Chandler 805/542-4627]

On December 10, 2010, Water Board staff enrolled ERG Operating Company, LLC (ERG) under the General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Reuse of Non-Hazardous Crude oil Impacted Soil and Non-Hazardous Spent Sandblasting Aggregate on Active Oil Leases and Fee Properties in the Central Coast (general beneficial reuse order). ERG plans to reuse crude oil impacted soil within the Williams Lease of Cat Canyon Oil Field, within Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 33 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian. ERG may use up to 7,260 cubic yards of reuse material for repair and re-surfacing of roads within the Lease.

Water Board staff evaluated ERG's application for enrollment under the general beneficial reuse order. The application included a compliance plan, management practices plan, and property owner notification documentation.

Prior to approving ERG's enrollment, Water Board staff sent ERG's application to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD) and the California Division of Oil and Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) for a 30-day review and comment period. Neither agency had any comments on ERG's application.

As a condition of enrollment under the general beneficial reuse order, ERG is required to submit information on the originating source of petroleum-impacted soil, chemical characterization of petroleum impacted material, and annual monitoring reports by October 1 of each calendar year summarizing ERG's preparedness measures to prevent discharges during the rainy season.

Water Board staff notified SBCFD and DOGGR of ERG's enrollment under the general oilfield WDRs.